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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Support

SUBJECT : Information Science Training for
the Intelligence Community

REFERENCES : (a) PFIAB memo to the President, subj.:
U. S. Intelligence Community Capabilities
for Handling Intelligence Information, dtd
15 Jun 65

(b) CODIB-D-113/5.7, subj.: Systems Training
for Intelligence Personnel, dtd 2 Feb 67

(c) DCI memo to the Secretary of Defense, subj.:
Establishment of Training Courses at the
Defense Intelligence School in the Application
of Information Science Technology to Intelligence,
dtd 25 Mar 67

(d) Secretary of Defense memo to the Director, DIA,
subj.: Training of Intelligence Personnel in
Information Science Technology, dtd 13 Jun 67

(e) DIA memo, subj.: Establishment of the Informa-
tion Science Center, DIAJT, dtd 26 Dec 67

(f) DIA memo for the Chairman, USIB, subj.:
Closure of the Information Science Center, dtd
3 Feb 72

(g) Ltr frm Ex. Dir. -Compt., CIA, to DIA, dtd
23 May 72

1. This memorandum reviews the sequence of circumstances leading to the establishment of the Information Science Center on 26 December 1967, and the subsequent termination of support by the Defense Intelligence Agency, for

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the purpose of seeking clarification of its responsibilities, if any, of the Director of Training for providing information science training for non-CIA personnel of the Intelligence Community in the CIA managed courses planned for Fiscal Year 1973 and beyond.

2. Reference (a) stressed the need for improvement in the storage and retrieval of the intelligence product and recommended the training and retraining of personnel engaged in information-handling activities and in systems thinking and systems skills, suggesting that both senior administrative personnel and more junior operating people should acquire new abilities and attitudes to discharge the responsibilities associated with the enormous file and distribution system of the Intelligence Community. Reference (b) recommended a balanced program of university training, in-house data handling instruction and specialized courses at DIA applying information science technology to intelligence problems. Reference (c) requested DIA to develop specialized courses for personnel of the Intelligence Community. Reference (d) requested development of specialized courses by DIA, starting in FY 1969. Reference (e) established the Information Science Center at its Defense Intelligence School to develop information science courses in order to meet the requirements of the Intelligence Community. Reference (f) stated that it would be necessary to close the Information Science Center by 30 June 1972 due to Department of Defense budgetary cuts and reductions in other resources. It noted that DIA could arrange classroom space and faculty offices for a continuing program if other Intelligence Community members wished to provide funds or personnel. Reference (g) informed DIA that CIA desired to conduct under CIA management various information science courses at its Information Science Center in FY 1973 pending determination of longer-range requirements and a more permanent solution, thus accepting the DIA offer of facility support.

3. In the last 60 days negotiations have been completed with the Director, Defense Intelligence School for the scheduled use of their facilities in FY 1973 and the NSA has agreed to provide an instructor for the faculty. Program alternatives have been proposed and a reduced, but active information science program is to be undertaken in FY 1973. Guidance provided by the Executive Director-Comptroller suggests the desirability of bringing this program on CIA premises in FY 1974 with a greater emphasis on the needs for the training of CIA personnel.

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4. In view of the interests of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board in information science training for the Intelligence Community and the subsequent initiative of the Director of Central Intelligence in the establishment of a community center for this purpose, the Office of Training would appreciate additional guidance on the extent of its responsibility for training the personnel of other USIB agencies and departments in the CIA managed programs to be conducted in Defense Intelligence School facilities in FY 1973 and on Agency premises in FY 1974.



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Acting Director of Training

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